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To: All Field Office Managers

From: State Director

Subject: Appraisal Staffing, Reports and Reviews

The State Office Appraisal Staff is currently experiencing a backlog due to a shortage in staff, and an increase in the demand for appraisals. We are taking steps to increase contracting for appraisals and reviews, and seeking detail opportunities.

In order to complete our backlog and best meet your needs, we plan to implement the following:

- Seek detail opportunities to assist our staff
- Increase contracting for appraisals and reviews; and
- The Chief State Appraiser will prioritize our workload by working with each Field Office Manager.

We ask that each Field Office assist us by prioritizing your appraisal requests and work with your facilitators and proponents to identify funding sources for contract appraisals on your projects. Also, note that all appraisal request must go through the Chief Appraiser. In addition, the Chief Appraiser must be consulted prior to a facilitator or proponent contracting for an appraisal. Any unsolicited appraisal will be returned without being reviewed.

Your understanding, cooperation, and patience during this period is greatly appreciated. We also want to reassure everyone that we are committed to providing quality appraisals in a timely manner.

If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Ortiz at 916-978- 4651.

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